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Re: FTR P28266 EPO 82100112

Dear Jim:

Please find enclosed a copy of an English translation of the following patent application:

Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF TOBACCO AND TOBACCO
PREPARED ACCORDING TO THIS PROCESS

Inventors: H. Gaisch, P. Ghiste, D. Schulthess

Assignee: Fabriques de Tabac Reunies, S.A.

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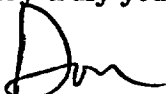
We are presently considering filing this application in the U.S. on behalf of FTR. PM 1026 of which you are familiar is the counterpart of and claims priority from the DE '715 application. The subject '112 application is similar in some respects to our case PM 879 of which a copy is enclosed. Please consider these cases from the standpoint of common subject matter and possible conflict between PM 879 and the '112 application and let us have your comments as soon as possible.

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If the '112 application is to be filed in the U.S., it must be done prior to January 9, 1983 to benefit from the priority of the EPO filing and before July 21, 1983 to escape statutory bar by the EPO publication.

Very truly yours,



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